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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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For: DEVICE FOR SIZING A YARN SHEET)	
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests a report from the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the status of the above-referenced pending patent application.

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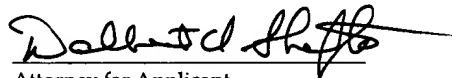
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